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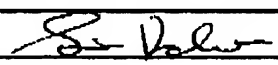
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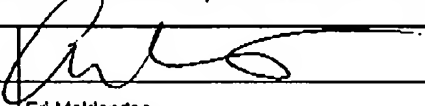
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, reconsideration of this action and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper; and

An *Appendix* including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.